



News in brief

Blood drive today

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club sponsors a blood drive 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today at the community center. Free T-shirts and refreshments will be provided. For more details or to schedule an appointment, e-mail Michelle Hunt at kevinandmichelle@charter.net.

Finance announces closure

The 509th Comptroller Squadron closes for an official function at 12:30 p.m. today. For more details, call Master Sgt. Bain Walling, 509th CPTS, at 687-4736.

Meet "The Gunny"

Retired Marine Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermey, host of The History Channel's "Mail Call," will be a guest speaker, at a meet and greet at 5 p.m. Monday at Mission's End. See related photo Page 3.

Commissary holds Dollar Days

Whiteman's commissary's first Dollar Days event begins at 8 a.m. Thursday. Items throughout the store will feature dollar pricing.

Extra savings signs inside the commissary will reflect Dollar Days savings throughout the store.

AFAF drive ends Tuesday

Air Force members helping each other is what the Air Force Assistance Fund relies on. The donation drive ends Tuesday.

The 32nd annual AFAF campaign is intended to raise money for charitable organizations that benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired members and their families, including surviving spouses and their families. Charities receive 100 percent of the funds donated.

Contact your unit AFAF representatives to contribute. For a complete listing of unit representatives, visit <http://www.whiteman.af.mil/news/2005Spirit/11Feb05Spirit.pdf>.

WOSC meets Thursday

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Mission's End. Participants will watch a movie and play games to test their level of being a movie connoisseur. For more details or to R.S.V.P. by today, call Michelle Hunt at 563-4858 or e-mail kevinandmichelle@charter.net.

MXG hosts annual banquet

The annual Maintenance Professional of the Year Awards banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. April 8 at Mission's End. The speaker is Maj. Gen. Elizabeth Harrell, Air Combat Command director of maintenance and logistics.

The meal is barbecued brisket. The cost is \$8.25 for members and \$10.25 for nonmembers. Military dress is battle dress uniform and civilian dress is business casual. To R.S.V.P., call 687-1211 by April 1.



Photos by Master Sgt. Mark Bucher

NEAR TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq — Airmen 1st Class John Hernandez, 509th Security Forces Squadron, provides security during a visit to the Bedouin camps here. He is deployed to the 407th Expeditionary SFS.

509ers on the warfront

Troops aid Bedouin children

Airmen, Soldiers join forces to deliver supplies

By Master Sgt. Terry Nelson

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) — A convoy of Army and Air Force vehicles assembled recently at the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron's armory here, but this was not a standard convoy. These trucks were not carrying materials for troops; they were loaded with toys, shoes, clothes and other items donated to an outreach program.

The convoy moved across the desert to a small Bedouin camp, one of hundreds spread across Southern Iraq. As the trucks arrived, small shoeless children ran to greet them.

For more than 15 years, children such as these have lived on the barren land that surrounds the base. These local Bedouin families are survivors, and they play an important role in base defense by providing security forces with information that could stop possible terrorist attacks.

Army and Air Force volunteers climbed aboard the truck and started handing down toys and candy to the children. A young girl was lifted onto the back of the truck and fitted for shoes.

"I believe helping the Bedouins ... is an awesome display of care from everyone that was involved," said Master Sgt. Lavon Coles, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron first sergeant. "We were able to spread a moment of joy which will probably have a lasting affect on their lives and the perceptions of who we are and what we represent."

The operation is managed by 407th ESFS Airmen and supported by everyone in the 407th Air Expeditionary Group. Airmen collect items from their friends, neighbors and churches back home to donate to the needy Bedouins here.

"I think that anything that we can do to help the community is beneficial, not only now but for the next generations," said Army 1st Lt. Damien Boffardi, 484th Movement Control Battalion. "This allows the children the opportunity to see that we are there



NEAR TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq — Staff Sgt. Erica Clark talks with a Bedouin girl as she places a shoe on her foot. Sergeant Clark and Senior Master Sgt. Robert Appling (back) visited local Bedouins as part of an outreach program. Sergeant Clark is deployed to the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron along with several Whiteman members. Sergeant Appling is the firechief deployed to the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

for them. In essence, not only are we trying to create better living accommodations for them but also stop terrorism.

"Today we were able to provide more than just toys to children; it allowed two separate (military) branches the opportunity to work together as a team with one goal in mind: making a child smile," he said.

Lieutenant Boffardi said the Soldiers rarely have a chance to participate in a humanitarian mission, and he was happy that they were able to take part by providing the Airmen with transportation

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'We cannot forget ... our wingmen at home'

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol

416th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

KARSHI-KHANABAD AIR BASE, Uzbekistan — In an Air Force Policy Letter in November 2004, Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, asked all Airmen, "Who's your wingman?"

In the deployed environment, the importance of a wingman is critical, especially when it means helping take care of your fellow Airmen and others around you.

While I am deployed, I have my command chief, my commander, the chaplains and many more people here as my wingmen. But at home, there are many important wingmen we should never forget.

When I refer to wingmen at home, I am talking about the wingmen who help us get through our every day life. For me it's family, friends, co-workers, leaders and others that I am surrounded by in my life.

My top wingman is my wife. No one can imagine or measure the strength of this person to me in heart and soul. She has been my wingman for nearly 13 years now and it's during deployments like the one I am on right now where I truly realize her strength as a wingman.

She not only is in charge of the home front while I am gone, she also lifts my spirits every time I talk to her and think of her while I am on the other side of the world. A loved one always can do that for people like me. I also know many of the people I am deployed with have the same sentiment about their own wingmen at home.

The wingmen at home don't just have to be our spouses. They also can be significant others, a parent, a child, a good friend, or a co-worker. There are people who are always there to listen or help us learn. That's the beauty of having wingmen in your life.

I know, for instance, when I leave my home base and come on a deployment, I leave a vacancy people in my office must fill. My fellow Airmen who fill that void with the extra duty resulting from my absence never let me know that they may have had to work extra hours to fill



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Richard Barker meets his wife, Cheryl, daughter, Lydia, at the Kansas City International Airport.

that gap. On top of that, my fellow Airmen take extra time to call my family, give them help if they need it. That's good wingmanship!

I know how it works at home. Many a time, when my fellow Airmen were deployed and I was not, I knew I had to

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing Commander

WARRIOR RUN. March weather didn't help us this week. The forecast, as I write this, calls for rain during our scheduled run on Whiteman's runway today. We'll reschedule when the weather makes for a better commander's call and run.

UPCOMING EVENTS. We'll be honored to have a number of visitors to Whiteman over the next few weeks: R. Lee Ermey (a.k.a. Gunny) from the History Channel's "Mail Call" will film the B-2 and meet with Whiteman Airmen on Monday. The ACC director of logistics will speak to our civic leaders April 7 and Maintenance Professional of the Year dinner April 8; and the Oak Ridge Boys will present a free concert to show their appreciation for our service at 4 p.m. April 10.

As always, enjoy showing off your base to these distinguished visitors, and enjoy the events!

step up and do everything I could to support them. And, a shoveled driveway or a mowed lawn for someone whose servicemember is gone means a lot. The wingmanship on the home front is something I have tried to teach to all of my children, and grandchildren for that matter. All my daughters and my son, my two granddaughters, and those in my close family circle know how important it is to take care of each other and of those who aren't in our family.

I still have a bit of time left on this deployment and I know that my work here is important. Every day, whether they know it or not, my wingmen at home are thought of and appreciated. I know that where I am and what I do cannot be done as successfully without the support from home from those wingmen.

Those of you, who are not deployed, do not think you aren't in the fight because you are. We cannot, and will not, forget our wingmen at home.

Book lends insight to the 'ultimate question'

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.)
Ron Underwood

509th Bomb Wing Chaplain

Ashley Smith of Atlanta recently shared on national news how she was taken hostage by a kidnapper and was in fear of losing her life.

"I felt really, really scared," she said.

Her husband had been stabbed four years earlier, dying in her arms.

Now, a mother of a 5-year-old little girl, she faced a similar fate. Mrs. Smith said she retrieved a copy of the Bible and "The Purpose Driven Life."

"I basically just talked to (the kidnapper) and tried to gain his trust," Mrs. Smith said. She said she asked the kidnapper about his purpose in life and his future.

After cooking her abductor a pancake meal, she was eventually released unharmed to share her wild experience. Here is a woman who found real strength

and courage in her walk with God that literally saved her life.

What on earth am I here for? This is a question that Mrs. Smith had found an answer for and the kidnapper was asking. It's the ultimate question of life. It's a question that has haunted every person from the very beginning of time. Who hasn't done some deep soul searching, trying to make sense out of our days on earth? None of us want to get to the end of our life feeling as if we have wasted it. We want our lives to count for something. We want to make a real difference. We want to leave a lasting legacy.

Why is it then so few seemingly ever arrive at a complete answer for this ultimate question?

In the book that Mrs. Smith shared with her kidnapper, "The Purpose Driven Life," author Rick Warren begins to answer this question.

"It's not about you," Mr. Warren wrote.

"The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind or even your happiness. It's far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by his purpose and for his purpose."

If life is not all about you, what, then, is it all about? Allow me to share a few insights.

You are here because God said so. You are no accident. He has a grand purpose for you. True life begins by inviting Him into it, developing a relationship with Him and seeking and doing His will.

There is a word for this — worship. People often think of worship as something that is done in church, when in reality, it's what we do with our lives all the time, 24/7. The heart of worship is surrendering our lives daily to the One who knows us best and put us on this earth on purpose.

A purpose-filled life includes other things if it's to be maximized. To learn about these things and how to make them happen in your own life, you're invited to join with your base chapel as it begins a spiritual growth emphasis this spring based on "The Purpose Driven Life."

Participants will have lots of opportunities to address the ultimate question: what on earth am I here for?

All of our spiritual programming will be focused on this question, including our worship services, adult Bible studies, home groups, youth group and the single adult program. Special events like a kick-off cookout and a spiritual gifts weekend are planned, as well.

It all begins April 9 and continues through May 22. We will give free books to all participants. For more details, or to sign up, call the chapel at 687-3652.

Like Ashley Smith, it just may change your life, forever!

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Gunny and gang

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Actor R. Lee Ermey, poses for a photo with the 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron members. Mr. Ermey, a retired Marine gunnery sergeant, visited with military

members, signed autographs and toured the base. The 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron is the first B-2 squadron to deploy here supporting Pacific Air Forces Command's continuous bomber presence.

CONS welcomes commander

Rank and Name: Maj. Joel Fortenberry

Squadron: 509th Contracting Squadron

Date assumed command: March 9

Previous assignment: Chief, strategic sourcing and chief, military resources, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Time in service: 14 years

Commissioning source: ROTC (The Citadel)

Family: Wife, Shannon, and children, Emma, 4, and Tyler, 1.

Hobbies: Running, golf and hunting.

Why is the squadron important to the Air Force mission: The 509th CONS provides contingency contracting and acquisition expertise to the combatant commanders as part of Air and Space Expeditionary Forces 4 and 10. Currently, 20 percent of our assigned military are deployed in support of the AEF.

Command philosophy: Integrity first, service to the Air Force and my squadron before self, and excellence in all we do. Use these core values in order to prepare our Airmen to deploy, ensure they're ready to fight, and to develop and grow them to reach their maximum potential.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

March is Women's History Month

Second Lt. Irma Garcia, Women's History Committee chairman, conducts a Women's History Month meeting at the community center. During the meeting, attendants discussed events for Women's History Month including a women's history luncheon that begins at 11 a.m. April 18 at Mission's End.

New DOD sexual-assault policy affords victims privacy

By Samantha Quigley

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — New guidelines for confidential, restricted reporting of sexual assaults in the Defense Department were announced March 18 in a Pentagon briefing.

"The policy allows victims — and here's the big change — to report a sexual assault to specified individuals without necessarily initiating an investigative process," said Dr. David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "(The policy) will still give them access to medical care, counseling and victim advocacy."

The specified people include sexual-assault response coordinators, certain health-care providers, victim advocates and chaplains. Chaplains, Dr. Chu said, already possess that privilege under the current system.

Dr. Chu said department officials believe this policy change will encourage more victims of sexual assault to come forward and seek help. More accurate reporting will

provide commanders a more accurate view of what is happening within their commands, as well, he said.

"Although the department would prefer complete reporting of sexual assaults to activate both victim services and accountability actions, we believe our first priority needs to be (for) our victims to be protected, to have them treated with dignity and respect and to receive the medical treatment, care and counseling that they deserve," Dr. Chu said.

This option, he said, provides the victim with more time and control over the release and management of personal information. He said the victim may not be ready to initiate an investigation immediately after an assault, but he hopes that the design of the policy will empower the victim to seek information and support to make an informed decision about participating in a criminal investigation.

The policy also aims to balance the needs of the victim with the needs of commanders, Dr. Chu said. Within 24 hours of sexual assault where the victim chooses to seek care but not pursue an investigation, commanders will be

informed of the incident. However, commanders will not get personal identifying information about the victim.

"This new policy, we are convinced, will provide commanders with a clearer picture of sexual violence within their organization because they will be informed of offenses that had previously gone unreported," Dr. Chu said.

He also said that the magnitude of the change requires "extensive, in-depth training" for all department people. This is especially true for commanders, senior enlisted advisers, investigators, health-care providers and others involved in sexual-assault response.

The new sexual-assault prevention policy was originally announced in January. The confidential and restricted reporting portion is scheduled to take effect in mid-June, Dr. Chu said. The message department officials hope comes across loud and clear is that sexual assault is a crime that will not be tolerated, he said.

"We hope that our proactive stance will enable the department to create a safer and more cohesive military community," Dr. Chu said.

When ride plans collapse ... Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving

By 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen
Public Affairs

The phone rings at 1:30 a.m. on a Saturday night. Senior Airman Christina Blache answers and it's a fellow base member needing help. The man says he's been drinking and his designated driver is nowhere to be found. He needs a safe ride home. After hanging up the phone, Airman Blache calls a driver. She gives directions to the member's location. She hangs up the phone and waits for the driver's call telling her the member made it home. This operation continues 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call isn't the only one Airman Blache receives in one night. The man is not the only driver she'll dispatch to pick up one of the many members who need rides. She loses some sleep, but she continues to take the calls night after night.

Airman Blache, 509th Communications Squadron, volunteers for Airmen Against Drunk Driving. AADD is a volunteer organization dedicated to bringing military, dependents and Department of Defense members home safely after they've had too much alcohol to drink. Airman Blache has been a member of the organization since December 2002. She's also one of two static schedulers for AADD. She sends out the monthly schedule to volunteers and ensures sufficient staffing for each night. She said she joined AADD to help stop drunk driving.

"I've seen too many people's careers and lives ruined due to drunk driving incidents and accidents," Airman Blache said.

Airman Blache typically volunteers as the charge of quarters, the person who holds the cell phone people call when they need rides. Each night there is one CQ and three drivers. This means there are four people per night, 120 people per month, and 1,460 volunteers per year who are dedicated to bringing base members home safely.

Senior Airman Katie Weems, 394th Combat Training Squadron, has spent many nights driving base members from bars back to their homes. She said she joined AADD because there's nothing more important than possibly saving someone's life.

"Once you join the Air Force, they (Air Force members) are part of your family, and we should all help each other out," she said.

Airman Weems is also a static scheduler. She tracks how many calls are received each night, and how many lives are potentially saved. There have been at least 86 lives potentially saved since Jan. 1, and 1,759 lives potentially saved since the organization's inception here in April 2001.

Calls are confidential, and to receive a ride, members must show a military or DoD identification card. Air Force members aren't the only ones who can access this service.

"AADD does so much more than just drive home Air Force folks," said Senior Airman Anthony Muller, AADD president and 509th Communications Squadron member. "We also take care of all of the other branches of service, retired, reservists, dependents, and, when it comes to safe streets — the local community."

Airman Muller has been a member since 2003 and said he volunteers because it's important to watch out for each other.

"By waking up in the middle of the night to give a ride to a fellow service member, dedicated volunteers show subordinates, peers, and leadership that they possess the qualities of selfless dedication and compassion — qualities held usually without recognition," he said. "Whiteman's AADD is made up of the most dedicated, caring folks in the Air Force. They do so much for the populous of this base and surrounding community."

Airmen Blache, Weems and Muller agree the busiest nights fall during the weekend and around holidays, but it's not unusual to receive calls and give rides any day of the week. Additionally, Whiteman's AADD program is a bit different from many other bases, which only provide AADD Thursday through Sunday with limited hours.

AADD constantly seeks dedicated volunteers to fill its hectic schedule. The service is available every night. Any Team Whiteman member, including dependents, can be an AADD volunteer.

"When you volunteer for AADD, you are volunteering to help your fellow people," said Airman Blache.

AADD encourages members to drink responsibly, have a wingman and use the organization only as a backup plan.

"The biggest misconception is that we (AADD) are a taxi service. We are often used as the plan and not the back up," said Airman Weems.

For more details about AADD or to volunteer, call Airman Muller at 687-5065 or Airman Blache at 687-6557.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Airman 1st Class Liset Estrada, 509th Communications Squadron, receives a call on the Airmen Against Drunk Driving cell phone. As the charge of quarters volunteer Airman Estrada takes incoming calls from base members. After receiving calls, she'll dispatch one of the volunteer drivers to pick up the member at the specified location. AADD reminds members to drink responsibly and have a wingman. If you need a ride, call AADD at 687-RIDE (7433).

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'Extreme' gaming

Tech. Sgt. Luke Ford, 509th Mission Support Squadron, plays a strategic board game during "X-Treme Board Games" at the community center March 11. The event features advanced board games for advanced players. All ages are welcome. Extreme gaming begins at 6 p.m. the second Friday of each month. For more details, call Sergeant Ford at 563-5319.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Attention shoppers

Shelley Blum speaks with country music newcomer Keni Thomas. He signed autographs for and talked with Team Whiteman members March 14. His debut single "Not Me" and album "Flags of Our Fathers - A Soldier's Story" were released in January. The former Army Ranger staff sergeant served seven years on active duty. He earned a bronze star for valor and the combat infantryman's badge for his involvement in the battle in Somalia, which was made famous by the movie "Blackhawk Down."

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Air traffic controller learns a lesson of leadership



By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Robert Kidd spent his life waiting to join the military. After only a few months, he thought about walking away.

Kidd, now a staff sergeant assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron, admired the military lifestyle as a youth. He enjoyed hearing his father tell stories of his late grandfather, an Army veteran, and his father, Bill, a former Marine who served during Vietnam.

Sergeant Kidd said he remembers the pride swell up inside him when he heard the national anthem or while watching fireworks on the Fourth of July.

While stationed at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., Sergeant Kidd considered leaving the service. While adjusting to military life as a young munitions loader, the military wasn't exactly what he expected. From his father, he heard tales of camaraderie, of brothers in arms binding together toward one goal. At Luke that wasn't the case, Sergeant Kidd said.

"When I came in, I saw myself getting in this great community of people," said Sergeant Kidd, 27. "As a young Airman, you need support from your peers and supervision and it just wasn't there."

While the staff sergeant said his supervision wasn't the best, he said part of his anxiety stemmed from his adjustment to military life.

He remembers working long hours with little encouragement. Sergeant Kidd said there were times when he had questions about his duties, and often, no one was there to answer.

"There was no mentoring," Sergeant Kidd said. "The whole lead-by-example theory was never there."

Sergeant Kidd also considered another option. He wanted to earn a commission make changes in the workplace. Then, through the encouragement of his father, who spent nine years serving the Marine Corps, he took a remote assignment to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

Finally, at Kunsan, Sergeant Kidd found what he had been looking for.

He saw his superiors in Korea doing things differently than what he experienced at Luke. Master and technical



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Staff Sgt. Robert Kidd, center poses for a photo with Senior Airman Jeff Cline and Airman 1st Class Derek Vaughn. "(Sergeant Kidd) is the best supervisor I've ever had," said Airman Cline.

sergeants frequently would be out in the bomb bay alongside the younger troops, Sergeant Kidd said.

"They weren't just co-workers," Sergeant Kidd said. "They were friends. They never had to push us to get the job done. It always got done because people wanted to do it."

Sergeant Kidd said one NCO in particular — then — Tech. Sgt. John Lyons helped inspire him to re-enlist in the fall of 2000. Sergeant Lyons, who later retired as a master sergeant, saw potential in Sergeant Kidd, then a 22-year-old senior airman, and increased the Airman's responsibility. He made Sergeant Kidd a crew chief, and made him responsible for training the new rotations of Airmen.

"I knew I was a capable," Sergeant Kidd said. "It felt really good to have somebody above me see my potential."

Sergeant Kidd took the lessons he learned at Kunsan and carried them with him to his next assignment at Langley AFB, Va. After looking for a new challenge as an air

traffic controller, he arrived here in the fall of 2003. He decided he would provide for his Airmen in the 509th OSS what his supervisors at Luke never did. He listened to his Airmen's personal problems. He made sure his Airmen received recognition when earned. Senior Airman Jeffrey Cline said Sergeant Kidd helped inspire him to make below-the-zone, earning his rank early.

"He's just a good person," Airman Cline said. "He's not just a supervisor. He's a friend."

Airman 1st Class Derek Vaughn remembers when one of his close friends passed away. When Airman Vaughn returned to Whiteman, he said Sergeant Kidd had a private talk with him to make sure he was okay.

Sergeant Kidd's new verdict on the military: He's in for life.

"I realized that the military is my lifestyle," he said. "It's how I was brought up and I can't see myself doing anything else."

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Dougherty

A team of Air Force crew chiefs position a power unit near a B-2 after refueling. The Red Flag exercise isn't a competition between air crews or pilots. However, it's a team building exercise created November 1975 to improve the overall effectiveness of United States and allied air combat operations.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Dougherty

Senior Airman Kenneth Woods, a fuel truck operator assigned to the 99th Logistics Readiness Squadron, prepares to drag a fuel hose toward a B-2. The 99th Air Base Wing provides support to all of the aircraft that participate in Red Flag.



Photo by Airman Jeffrey Hall

Airman 1st Class Richard Maurer, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, takes an oil sample from a B-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Bombers and crews from Whiteman were at Nellis participating in Red Flag from Feb. 26-March 11.



Photo by Airman Jeffrey Hall

With the Las Vegas skyline as a backdrop, a B-2 taxis down the runway at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., March 1. During the Korean War, the Air Force maintained a 10-1 kill ratio for air-to-

air combat. During Vietnam, the ratio dropped to 1-to-1. In 1975, it became apparent realistic combat training was necessary and Nellis was selected as the training ground.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas Dougherty

Airman 1st Class Christopher Smith, 509th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, wipes a B-2 spirit landing gear strut during a pre-flight inspection while at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. during Red Flag. Red Flag is a realistic combat training exercise geared toward providing an opportunity to use air-to-ground ordnance and supersonic flight.

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Spotlight on justice

In February, four members received Articles 15 and two members were involuntarily discharged.

Articles 15

An airman from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron received an Article 15 for stealing an item that cost less than \$500. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months with one month suspended, restriction to the base for 30 days, 15 days suspended and 15 days extra duty.

A staff sergeant from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for driving while intoxicated. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman.

An airman from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for sleeping on post. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman from the 509th SFS received an Article 15 for driving while intoxicated and underage drinking. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$617 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days and a reprimand.

Discharges

An airman first class from the 509th MXS received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The misconduct included being late for work on numerous occasions, failure to maintain proper dress and appearance standards, failure to pay just debts, and failure to provide proper vehicle registration and license.

An airman basic from the 509th SFS received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The misconduct included dereliction of duty, being late for work, and failure to perform duties properly due to overindulgence of alcohol.



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Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Mentor on the job

Capt. Christopher Klaiber, 509th Bomb Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office, talks to ROTC cadets Collin Adams and David Beltz about his duties as the MEO chief. The cadets, from Bowling Green State University, Ohio, visited here March 10-11. The cadets toured the base and participated in a job shadow activity.

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and additional security.
“I was reminded that, ultimately, whatever branch you serve or what specific job you do day to day, your goal out here is to help the people of Iraq and maintain the peace as best (you) can,” said 1st Lt. Paul Cancino, 407th ELRS. “Small acts like these might allow them to see U.S. and coalition forces in a positive light and strengthen ties with (them).”
Everyone who took part in this was greeted by children

who were glad to see them and parents who appreciated the support, officials said.
The volunteers delivered gifts to more than 100 people. Each child was given at least one pair of shoes and a toy. There were many stuffed animals and soccer balls handed out along with clothes, personal hygiene supplies and candy.
In all, the volunteers handed out nearly three crates of toys, candy, shoes and clothing. There are still 13 more in the warehouse waiting to be delivered.

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What’s happening

Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> or call 687-5750.

Assessment survey set

The base training and education services flight is conducting a needs assessment survey to gauge the educational needs of the Whiteman community. Active-duty military, dependents, civilians and contractors are asked to complete the survey.
To access the survey, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil> and click on “Take the Survey.” Feedback and comments are vital to ensure the training and education services flight offers programs that fit your needs.

Community

BCC luncheon scheduled

The next Base Community Council luncheon begins at 6:30 p.m. April 7 at Mission’s End. Clinton, Mo., and Lexington, Mo., are the featured communities. Maj. Gen. Ann Harrell, Air Combat Command Maintenance and Logistics director, is the featured speaker.
The menu is roast beef with glazed potatoes and vegetable medley. The cost is \$8.50. Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by noon April 4. To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call 1st Lt. Ed Gulick at the public affairs office at 687-6122.

AF band sets concert

The Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants concert begins at 7 p.m. April 8 at the Midland Theater in Kansas City, Mo. For tickets, mail a request with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Veteran’s of Foreign War Programs, Suite 902 406 West 34th St., Kansas City, Mo., 64111, or pick up tickets 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the VFW National Headquarters security desk, 34th Street and Broadway Avenue in Kansas City, Mo., or at the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Office, 4600 East 63rd St. A limited supply of tickets are also available at the public affairs office Bldg. 509, Room 111. For more details, call the public affairs office at 687-6123.

Free concert scheduled

The Spirit of America Tour presents country music recording artists, The Oak Ridge Boys, in concert. The free show begins at 4 p.m. April 10 at the 442nd Fighter Wing’s 5-bay hanger. This event is open to military members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their families. The concert is a presentation of the Robert and Nina Rosenthal Foundation, Inc., a California, non-profit corporation. This event is not open to the general public. For more details, call Meladee Bay at 687-6533.

Airmen’s Attic patrons need ID

The Airmen’s Attic is open to members airman basic to staff sergeant and their family members. Patrons must have an ID card to use the attic. Donations are welcome and may be dropped off 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The attic is in need of a television and DVD or VCR donation for a children’s area. If you can help with this, call the family support center at 687-7132.

Emergency Services Fair set

A free Emergency Services Fair takes place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 2 at the Central Missouri State University multipurpose building parking lot. The events include:
✔ Police dog demonstrations at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.
✔ Blood drive from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
✔ Life flight demonstration at 10:30 a.m.
For more details, call 660-747-5173.
The event is sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol, the Amateur Radio Club, the Holden and Warrensburg fire departments, the Johnson County Ambulance District and fire protection districts, and the Whiteman fire department.

Commissaries offer new family support program

By Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. (AFPN) — Need advice on consumer debt? Feeling depressed? Help is available. Military OneSource is the newest member of the military family support team, and commissaries are helping increase awareness of the program.

Provided by the Defense Department at no cost to servicemembers and their families, the program is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on the Web. Users need only type “military” for the user ID and “onesource” for the password to gain entry to the site.

“Military members who forget how to log in ... will be reminded while they are shopping in their local commissary the next few months — and even after they get home,” said Patrick Nixon, acting director and chief executive officer for the Defense Commissary Agency. “The

reminders will come in the form of posters in stores, pins on cashiers, and even OneSource messages on our grocery bags.”

The Pentagon’s steward of communities and families said the exposure will be a big boost for the program.

“Commissaries have a tremendous amount of visibility in the military community,” said John Molino, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy. “Putting the OneSource message in front of millions of commissary customers should help increase awareness of this valuable source of help for military families.”

Mr. Nixon said the Defense Commissary Agency is dedicated to the people the agency serves.



“Our 272 commissaries worldwide have a commitment to being actively involved in the military community,” he said, “and we share DOD’s interest in making sure we do whatever we can to get the word out to military shoppers with a need for this service.”

The OneSource Web site contains a wealth of information and advice as well as pointers to services ranging from counseling either by phone or in person, to information on family support, emotional support, debt management and legal issues — all at no cost to the service member.

Once on the Web site, to protect confidentiality, users will be asked only for their branch of service and installation.

“Formerly, Military OneSource was service-specific,” Mr. Molino said. “Now the information is all on one Web site, available at one common phone number and part of one great family service.”

Servicemembers also can call Military OneSource at 800 342-9647 from the United States or 800-3429-6477 from outside the United States, using country-specific access codes. The Web site also directs users to toll-free help lines for the United States and overseas.

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|  | <p>Did you know you can fill out a Department of Defense Form 2266, Hometown News Release, for a variety of accomplishments? For more details, call Senior Airman Neo Martin at 687-6131.</p> |  |
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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Wall Climbing Certification Class

Learn how to safely climb the 20-foot wall 9-11 a.m. April 2 at outdoor recreation. There is a 45-minute video, 15 minutes of instruction and a certification test for people 18 years and older. This is a free class.

Royal Oaks Golf Course 687-5572

Royal Oaks Chili bowl

The Royal Oaks Chili Bowl four-person scramble begins at 9 a.m. April 2. Sign up by today. The cost is \$15 plus cart and greens fee. Hit a hole in one on the number 2 hole to win a 2002, 4x4 Chevy Silverado* truck valued at \$15,500 from Your Home Town Motors* in Knob Noster.



Tournaments

Tournament dates are filling up quickly. People wishing to schedule a golf tournament at the Royal Oaks golf course must call as soon as possible.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Membership night

Members can take advantage of the week's \$1 per plate special 5-7 p.m. Fridays. Today's special is Pub House.

Easter brunch

An Easter brunch takes place 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday. Club members and their families receive \$2 off the price. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, roast beef, lobster Newburg, three cheese stuffed chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, noodles, salad, fruit, desserts and drinks.

Karaoke in the Lavene Lounge

Club members can karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight April 1 and 15 at the Mission's End.

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Need airline tickets, hotel accommodations, cruise information or information on local attractions? Stop by the office located inside the skills development center 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Month of the Military Child special

The bowling center is offering free rental shoes April 4-10 for all dependent children.

Sunday family dollar day

Families can bowl noon-8 p.m. Sunday for \$1 per game per bowler and \$1 shoe rental.

Ozark Inn 687-5476

Beginning April 4, carry-out items will be restricted to military members in uniform only. Contact the dining facility 687-6503 for more details.

Easter brunch

An Easter meal takes place 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Ozark Inn. The menu includes split pea soup with ham, strip loin steak, barbeque ribs, roast turkey, rice pilaf, baked potatoes, brussel sprouts, corn on the cob, corn bread, fruit salad, potato salad and assorted desserts.

Movie Schedule

Friday

The Aviator 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring — Leonardo DiCaprio & Cate Blanchett

Saturday

The Passion of the Christ 7 p.m. R
Starring — Jim Caviezel & Maia Morgenstern

Sunday

Son of the Mask 5:30 p.m. PG
Starring — Jamie Kennedy

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability. For current and future movie listings log on to
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.

Community Activities

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Semi-annual stained glass sale

The skills development center offers a 25 percent discount on all in-stock stained glass during March.

Framing class

A beginners framing class takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the skills development center. Students will earn certification to cut single and double mats, assemble, cut glass and join a frame. Students must bring a 5x7 or smaller picture to frame.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

New puppy or kitten

Do you have a new puppy or kitten? The vet clinic staff provides vaccinations and de-wormer for your pet. They also have informational handouts regarding the health of your newest family member. Visit the vet clinic at 401 Lockbourne Terrace between 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Want a profitable home-based career?

Providers are needed to provide care for: evenings, weekends, swing-shift workers, infants, special needs and mildly-ill children. The Air Force now offers a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a standard license are sub-sized \$125 per week per qualifying child. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Call for more details.

Family Child Care orientation class

Receive training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. April 4-8. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Sign up immediately. Stop by the family child care office and pick up a registration package any time during office hours.

Youth Center 687-5586

Volunteer coaches are needed

Coaches are needed for kindergartners through 12th graders coach pitch, softball, T-ball and baseball. Train-

ing and certification are provided by the youth center. Stop by the youth center to pick a volunteer packet or call 687-5586 for information and to sign up.

April fools comedy/magic night

Kindergartners-fourth graders can get together 6:30-9:30 p.m. April fool's day to learn tricks and play games. The cost is \$6 for members and \$7.50 for non-members.

Racing night

Kindergartners-seventh graders can join friends at the youth center to skate to their favorite music 6:30-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers.

Teen Center 687-5819

Bowling in Warrensburg

Join friends for a night of bowling 6-10 p.m. April 2 at the Central Missouri State University campus. Bring money for bowling, shoe rental and sacks.

Let's go camping!

Join your friends at 5 p.m. April 15 through 5 p.m. April 16 for a night in the wilderness at Truman Lake, Mo. Participants will cook food over an open flame and tell stories around the camp fire. The next morning participants will rise early and head out to the lake to fish. The teen center will furnish tents and food, but you must bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, personal items and a fishing pole. Some of these items are available for rent at outdoor recreation 687-5565.

Community Center 687-5617

Trading card swap

An event for card collectors takes place 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the community center. Collectors can display and swap Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh, baseball, NASCAR, sports and magic cards. Other collectibles may be swapped as well. Light refreshments will be served.

Snakes alive

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and education 1-2 p.m. April 9 with some of nature's most misunderstood creatures. Participants will have an opportunity to touch a live snake and watch a short film about Missouri snakes. Photography is encouraged.